

Woman's Half Victory in Pittsburg

and the New Process in Stogy Making Show Woman's Place in Industry

By William Hard

TODAY, in the stogy factories of Pittsburg, there are 2,211 women and only 463 men. AND IN THREE PARTICULARLY LARGE "TRUST" FACTORIES, IN WHICH THE LAST WORD IN CHEAP, QUICK PRODUCTION HAS BEEN SPOKEN, THERE ARE 1,025 WOMEN AND EXACTLY TEN MEN.

On the one hand there is the male hand-stogy-maker. He just takes tobacco leaves and, with his own hands, without the help of machines or even of tools (except a knife clip), constructs, all by himself, a complete smoke. It took him a long time to learn how to do that. On the other hand, the most nearly perfected type of the team-and-machine process, which is taking his place, and which makes of his single, complete operation a triple one.

The girl who begins the process is not a stogy-maker at all. She is only a "binder." With the help of her machine she gives the inside filler-leaf of the stogy their first outside covering, the "binder." The second outside covering, the "wrapper" is still to be put on.

Then the half-dressed stogies, instead of being "shaped" deftly and delicately by the finger-tips of a craftsman, are rushed and squeezed into form by "molds" and "presses."

The finishing touches are put on by a most ingenious machine called a "suction-table." It is full of little holes through which currents of air, sucked downward, straighten out the tobacco leaf, and hold it taut and flat while a die, descending, cuts it into exactly the right size. The "suction-table" (Mr. Ruskin would have called it a vampire) sucks the last few drops of blood from the art and craft of stogy-making. The girl at the "suction-table" takes the piece of tobacco designed for her by the machine and "rolls" it around the half-finished stogy, giving it its "wrapper" and thus completing it.

TWO GIRLS AND THREE MACHINES HAVE NOW DONE WHAT ONE MAN AND BEFORE THEY HAVEN'T DONE IT SO WELL, BUT THEY CAN DO IT FASTER AND CHEAPER. And there you have a little glimpse of the new process of stogy-making. Women have driven men into the stogy trade in Pittsburg and they have done it through their own ingenuity and the most modern, the most mechanical and automatic, their uplifted and cheapened factory processes.

168 men in the stogy factories of Pittsburg, 168 are still complete stogy-makers. Of the 2,211 women in the stogy factories of Pittsburg, not one has become hand-stogy-makers and they make Italian stogies, which are held together along the side with paste and have no finish at either end. The victory in Pittsburg, therefore, has been only a partial victory. Woman has got into industry, but not by excelling, or equalling, man's technique.—Everybody's.

Better Field Than Politics

By Mme. Cross Newhouse, Founder of the Beaux Arts Club

I AM not thoroughly convinced that the women of the East are yet ready for the ballot. The West is more aggressive than the East, and its women with their ballot is the greatest proof of that statement.

In every other sense of the term "equal rights" I am a firm believer in it. Women should have, as they do have, equal opportunity in professional, business and intellectual life with men. They are advancing along all these lines and are abreast of men. In art and in ethics I believe women are in the vanguard, but I cannot see that at the present time New York women are ready for the ballot. Their day will come, but it must not come too rapidly. Political education and economics are matters that have taken years for men to grasp in their highest meanings, and the woman vote to become a power must be an intelligent, carefully considered asset to the common good.

At the present time I believe a matter far more important to women as a class than the getting of the ballot is her active and sympathetic work with the wage-earning woman and the women whose limited means makes it necessary for them to battle for subsistence in the lowliest walks of life. The woman of leisure who wants to make her life count should reach her hand out, and not down, to these women. She should interest herself in bettering the conditions and environments of those women. She should assist them to get better beds, freer air and more material comfort for themselves and the children depending upon them. Greater than the ballot will the influence of such women be in this great Empire State. The ballot will come, but women must first be prepared to meet the great responsibilities incumbent upon the voter.

Reflections of a Bachelor Girl

By Helen Rowland

MAN'S shoulders are not always as broad as they're padded.

You'd think every man was a beauty show from the critical way in which he sizes up the women.

Men say they hate anything loud about a woman; it must be disgust that makes them always turn around to stare after a peroxide blonde.

The saddest sight on earth is an old bachelor trying to sew on a button with a blunt needle and a piece of string.

There are some men who, before marriage, will risk their lives to pick up your parasol from in front of a whizzing automobile who wouldn't get off the sofa after marriage to pick up anything you might drop, from a hint to the baby.

A husband gets so used to his wife's conversation that after a while it doesn't interrupt his reading of the newspaper any more than the punking in the steam pipes.

Of course men admire a circumspect woman above all things, but they seldom invite her out to supper.

Nothing bores a man more than the devotion of the girl before the last. Love letters lead to all sorts of complications, but post cards tell no tales.—New York Evening World.

Women Displacing Men

Striking Increase in Number of Women in Business Offices

By William Hard

WOMAN is putting on her good clothes and coming Downtown. Which is one of the epoch-making events in her industrial history. For, while women are not gaining on men noticeably in factories, they are gaining on them every day noticeably, strikingly, overwhelmingly, in salesrooms, correspondence rooms, auditing rooms, and all the other places conveniently summarized as "stores and offices."

Nevertheless, while it is true in the factory trades as a whole that men and women seem to have reached, temporarily at least, an equilibrium of relative numbers, it is also true that HERE AND THERE, OCCASIONALLY, IN THE CONSTANT GIVE AND TAKE BETWEEN THE SEXES, MEN ARE BEING DISPLACED BY WOMEN. When this happens, it is worth watching, because the industrial character of woman is then revealed in action.—The Woman's "Aviation" in Everybody's.

TAFT AND THE TWENTIETH

The following unique poem was composed by Mrs. Lisette Clayton Hood, now connected with the Mill News of Charlotte, N. C., on the occasion of the celebration of May 20th, 1906. Its historic as well as its present day allusions, together with its rhythmic merit will make it a good scrap book preservation to the lovers of poetry.

A Welcome to the President.

The loyal folks of Meeklenburg
Extend the glad right hand;
Sweet smiles from Charlotte's daughters,
The fairest in the land.
Our gates are spread wide open,
The keys are thrown away,
The better pleased we all will be
The longer you may stay.
In Eastern florid verbiage
The town is wholly yours,
And all that is therein contained
In its historic doors.
We give true Southern welcome
To our illustrious Guest
Who rules and treats us squarely,
For he deserves our best.
He freed my native City
From years of deepest shame,
Placed white man over white men—
All honor to his name!
This act alone has won him
The Southron's deepest love,
He knows the race Caucasian
Was meant to keep above.
Observe our seventy columns,
Our noble arches three,
Our granite shaft inscribing
Those names which History
Has writ and proved illustrious
Despite the sneerers' claim,
And tells the world the reason
For Charlotte's deathless fame.
Those brave old Meeklenburgers,
In far Colonial days,
First broke the chains of bondage
And earned the nation's praise.
Old England sent her minions
To break our spirits free;
"A nest of stinging hornets"
They found our town to be.
Our men are patriots ever,
Our spirits just as high,
Our valor still unquestioned,
As in the days gone by.
Our Southern hearts are loyal,
All struggles past forgot,
And Gray and Blue are blended
On this historic spot.
"Old Glory" here is waving
So free on every side,
A type of hope united
In one grand, common pride.
Observe the gallant escort,
Furnished our President,
The Blue and Grey uniting
Old soldiers worn and bent.
We've slain the "Billy Possum,"
And "killed the fatted calf,"
And give our heartiest welcome
To William Howard Taft.

Mrs. Taft Slightly Ill

Washington, Special.—Mrs. Taft, suffering from a slight breakdown, was taken ill Monday while on her way from this city to Mount Vernon on the yacht Sylph with a party of friends, and was hurried back to the White House. It was said at the White House Monday night that there is no cause for alarm and that Mrs. Taft probably would be all right again in a few days. She was unable to be present at an official dinner at the White House.

President Taft himself Monday night prepared the following statement in regard to Mrs. Taft's condition:

"Mrs. Taft is suffering from a slight nervous attack. She attended the Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital Monday morning, where Charlie Taft underwent a slight operation on his throat. She was with him for several hours. She then started with the President and a small party of friends on the Sylph for Mount Vernon. The excitement, heat and exertion were too much for Mrs. Taft's nerves and the party was obliged to turn back before reaching Alexandria. Mrs. Taft was quickly carried to the White House. The doctor says that after a few days of complete rest Mrs. Taft may be able to resume her social duties. Dr. Delaney is in attendance. Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Taft's sister, acted as hostess at the official dinner at the White House Monday night."

More Than 10,000 Murdered in Adana

Adana, By Cable.—The estimates of from 20,000 to 25,000 Christians killed by Mohammedans in the province of Adana made a fortnight ago must be revised. It is now ascertained that the number can hardly reach more than 10,000, possible less. Thousands who were supposed to have been killed in the country district have since come into some one of the large towns for relief. It remains a fact that much brutality was suffered by women.

Alabama Rate Case.

Washington, Special.—The Supreme Court of the United States Monday denied the applications for writs of certiorari in the injunction cases between the Alabama Railroad Commission and the various railroads of that State, involving the constitutionality of the Alabama railroad rate law. The effect of the decision is against the bringing of the cases to this court, as that was the purpose of the petition.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.

At Uvalde, Texas, last Monday a hailstorm of unprecedented severity, slugs of ice weighing 8 and 10 pounds, fell and eight persons were instantly killed by being in their line of descent.

Foylerville, Mich., was visited by a tornado last Saturday that damaged 250 houses to the extent of \$40,000. Twenty-five families are homeless.

The State of Pennsylvania has appropriated \$2,000 for the education of deaf, dumb and blind Katharyn May Friebe, nine years old, who shows many of the characteristics of Helen Keller.

The Postal difficulties in Paris are believed to be over the strike having failed and the men having largely returned to their places.

H. H. Rogers, who recently finished the Virginian Railway as an individual enterprise at a cost of \$40,000,000 died at his home in New York Wednesday.

The Alfalfa Club, at the Croighton University, Omaha, Neb., will try to demonstrate that alfalfa is a human food and that a man may subsist on its hay.

Dr. J. H. Daugherty, a physician for the insane at Elgin, Ill., has himself become insane through sympathetic suggestiveness.

The great event at Petersburg, Va., in which the Pennsylvanians unveiled a monument to Gen. Hartranft was pulled off without break or jar and was exceedingly satisfactory.

Charlotte's great 20th of May celebration was badly marred by down-pour of rain for most of the day.

Prof. A. S. Loveheart, of the University of Wisconsin it is believed, has found an antitoxine for tetanus germs.

The cotton compress at Fort Smith, Ark., was consumed by fire Monday together with 5,000 bales of cotton. Flames broke out at many places simultaneously, indicating incendiarism. The loss was about \$300,000, covered by insurance.

Tracy & Co., of New York, went into the hands of a receiver, the assets supposed to be half a million and liabilities a million.

Three thousand gallons of water from Jordan river, was poured into the sewer in New York recently because no one attached any importance to it—a financial failure.

A distinct earthquake was felt in northern Montana Saturday night. A wall of one house fell.

Prof. David N. Todd, of Boston, has a scheme to go up ten miles high in a balloon and from there to talk to the people in Mars, by wireless telegraphy. He thinks they know about it.

Alexis Loundent, in an accident in an Alabama mine last week, got his back broken. He was informed that death ere long would ensue. An over-weening desire to see his parents before death led him to attempt to return to Moscow, Russia, and he is now on the briny deep making the race with death.

Washington Affairs.

The Senate Monday confirmed the President's nomination of Oscar S. Straus to be ambassador to Turkey and Wm. W. Rockhill to be ambassador to Russia.

The Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Company ordered smaller cars, and it is said the annual saving will be \$150,000 through the use of direct-current motors.

President Taft has returned from the Petersburg and Charlotte functions. He is none the worse of the trip, notwithstanding the deluge in Charlotte.

President Taft wrote a letter to Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, revoking the appointment of Robert Stone and resenting the attempt to drag him into a factional fight.

Torpedo boats are to be given a test in the battleship maneuvers this summer.

The gunboat Marietta was ordered to Bluefields, Nicaragua last Saturday, where laborers are rioting and destroying property on banana plantations.

Foreign News Notes.

Two thousand men are on the way to reinforce the Russian troops in Persia.

Rome papers regard the exchange of messages between the Kaiser, Francis Joseph and Victor Emmanuel as insuring the continuance of the triple alliance.

Emperor William is to spend several weeks in England next fall.

Though reported to be resting at the Ju Ja ranch, ex-President Roosevelt engaged in writing an account of his adventure.

The trophies of Mr. Roosevelt's and the job for the taxidermist is thus far one rhinoceros, six lions, two giraffes, 20 smaller kinds of game and a variety of birds, a python and others.

It is claimed for Germany, that she will soon be prepared for airship war with a system of stations suitable for operations.

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP SOUTH

Greeted by Enthusiastic Thousands at Petersburg and Charlotte

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Welcomed royally as the head of a united nation with all the honors which a patriotic and public-spirited people could bestow, and responding in a kindred spirit which inspired him to pledge his power to the obliteration of all sectional differences, the Hon. William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, was for twelve hours Thursday the welcome guest of Charlotte and North Carolina. Culminated then the celebration in honor of the Meeklenburg Declaration of Independence with which all the drenching power of a Gulf coast rain-storm could but partially interfere. Never in the history of the City of Charlotte has there previously occurred such a day, marked by such a contest between the powers of men and those of nature, a contest which had a drawn battle as its final issue, with the honors, all things considered, well earned by the plucky celebrants.

Beginning hours before dawn, the rain, which was predicted set in with unrelenting violence, continued until a few minutes before the arrival of the President's train at 10 o'clock, ceased for more than two entire hours, only to descend again a veritable cloud-burst just as the rear of the mammoth parade had reached Independence Square, two blocks from the stand where stood America's Chief Executive in review. Its interference with the occasion on which it had in such unwelcome fashion intruded, forced the change of the place for the Presidential address from the open air reviewing stand to the Auditorium and the calling off of the military drills and the baseball game in the afternoon.

Unquestionably it deterred untold thousands from leaving their homes in other towns, and yet special after special rolled in in early morning crowded from front to rear with visitors who knew that whatever happened Charlotte would make good. And she did, so far as lay in human power, in the face of a twelve hours' rainfall three times the amount of that for the month's preceding 19 days.

The line from the Selwyn to the depot was filled with the hosts almost every one of whom saw President Taft in his open carriage.

The Confederate and Federal veterans escorted the President from the Selwyn to the grand stand, where he was seated with Mrs. Stonevall Jackson on the right, and Governor Kitchin on the left. The parade was a pageant of beauty and suggestiveness as well as an industrial and trade exhibit. It was completed when the torrents of rain broke all into confusion. In spite of the adverse circumstances it was a day of glory for Meeklenburg and the Old North State.

The President's speech in the Auditorium was a measure of the breadth of the statesmanship of this great

man. The following is a quotation referring to the nomination of Judge Connor:

"The Federal judiciary should be as much appreciated in the South as in the North, and if I have an opportunity to make any appointments in the South it will continue to be my chief duty to make such appointments as shall appeal to all the people whether they be Republicans or Democrats, and I urge all citizens to accept the appointments made, as men, if they are men, who will carry on their high duties with a single eye to the administration of justice, to accept them and congratulate the people on their appointment, and not to make use of them for any partisan appeal."

Virginia Honors the President.

Petersburg, Va., Special.—President Taft's visit Wednesday to this battle-scarred Virginia city has been a notable success from the viewpoint of the distinguished guest and of the hospitable people who were his hosts. The President has seen at close range all sorts and conditions of Virginians, for Petersburg seemed to be the center to which the counties of Southern Virginia had sent the bulk of their population, there being, it was estimated, 25,000 visitors here in the course of the day. The streets were jammed from noon until late evening.

The "oldest inhabitant" even is at a loss to remember when Petersburg has been as crowded as it was Wednesday. It was a good-natured, easily handled crowd and, while it was at no time effusive in its demonstration, it gave the President a very friendly reception and lifted hats to him and cheered him as he rode in the parade through its streets.

At Fort Malone, where the beautiful monument erected to commemorate the heroism of Gen. John F. Hartranft and the Pennsylvania soldiers of the Third Division of the Ninth Army Corps was unveiled, the President made a tactful and impressive address. The environment was inspiring and; although he read his speech from manuscript, he evidently felt the spell of his surroundings.

Mr. Taft vied with the Governor of Pennsylvania and Major Isaac S. Brown, president of the Pennsylvania Battlefield Commission, in paying tribute to the valor of the Confederate soldier and in recognizing that the men who wore the gray had proved themselves, equally with the men who wore the blue, exemplars in the highest degree of American intrepidity in battle and American devotion to principle.

This sentiment evoked an immediate and hearty response from the hundreds of Pennsylvania veterans and also from the gray-clad members of A. P. Hill Camp, of the Confederate Veterans, who were massed in front of the platform from which Mr. Taft made his speech.

H. H. ROGERS, THE GREAT FINANCIER, DEAD

New York, Special.—Henry H. Rogers, sixty-nine years of age, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, moving spirit in the organization of the Amalgamated Copper Company, builder of railroads, and philanthropist, died at his home here at 7:20 o'clock Wednesday morning from a stroke of apoplexy.

Death came about an hour after Mr. Rogers had risen for the day, mentioning to his wife that he was feeling ill. At 7 o'clock he lapsed into unconsciousness, and before the family physician arrived, he was dead. Mrs. Rogers, three married

daughters, a son, H. H. Rogers, Jr., and Dr. W. J. Pulley, a physician who was hastily summoned, were at the bedside when the end came.

His fortune is variously estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000, which will make his son, H. H. Rogers, Jr., one of the richest men in the country. Mr. Rogers' first wife died fourteen years ago, and he is survived, in addition to his second wife, by four children, the son mentioned and the following daughters: Mrs. W. E. Benjamin, Mrs. Urban H. Broughton and Mrs. William R. Coe.

PRESIDENT TAFT ENJOYS HIS TRIP TO THE SOUTH

Washington, Special.—President Taft, returning from Charlotte, N. C., reached Washington at 10:40 a. m. Friday. The President found Mrs. Taft much improved in health. The President recently was chosen as a trustee of the Hampton Institute, at Hampton, Va., and had accepted an invitation to speak there on Sunday

afternoon. He stated on the train, however, that unless Mrs. Taft was able to make the trip with him, he would postpone his visit to the Virginia institution. On account of the bad weather, the President decided, after reaching the White House, that it would not be wise to undertake the trip at this time and he telegraphed, cancelling the engagement.

LAKE MONHONK ARBITRATION CONFERENCE ENDS

Mohonk Lake, N. Y., Special.—With an imposing array of speakers, the fifth annual meeting of the Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration concluded its deliberations Friday night. The speakers included the Right Hon. James Bryce, the British ambassador; Alfred Mosely, London; Representative Richard Bartholdt, of Missouri; Edward J. Wheeler, Frank Chapin Bray, and Dr. Richard Watson Gilder.

Mr. Mosely, a member of the House of Commons, took up the causes which led to the present feeling between England and Germany, beginning with the now famous interview of the German Emperor.

"I believe," he said, "that the German Emperor means well for his own country and the world at large, but these utterances caused suspicion and have given rise to discussion in the House of Commons resulting in the increase in the navy."

"Now it is proposed by some that Mr. Taft take the initiative in saying something to England and Germany. But I am not at all sure that Mr. Taft would care to undertake that task. If he does, may I suggest that he turn his attention to Germany?"

EIGHT MEN KILLED BY HAIL IN GALVESTON, TEXAS

Galveston, Texas, Special.—An unprecedented hailstorm Monday in Uvalde county cost at least eight lives.

James Carpenter, 70 years of age, returning to the Southwestern Ranch, where he was employed, sought shelter in a cattle shed. Hail struck him on the head and killed him.

Seven Mexicans were many miles from shelter, in the open prairie, when the storm caught them. All

were struck dead.

The stones weighed 6 and 7 pounds and some of 10 pounds were found. They measured 10 to 17 inches in circumference and they came down for 30 minutes in two separate storms, about two hours apart.

Many persons who had started out to search for cattle were caught in the second storm and injured.

The number of cattle killed will not be known for several days.